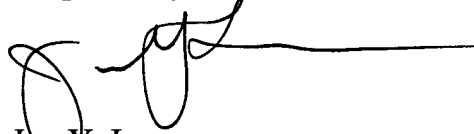


REMARKS

The subject non-provisional Patent Application was hand-filed at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 23 October 2003. Upon subsequent review of the filed papers, certain instances of inadvertent mislabeling and mis-referencing of the method steps were discovered in the Claims. Accordingly, Claims 14, 19-20 and 22 are amended to remove such potentially-confusing informalities.

Such corrections are purely formal in nature and do not in any way affect the scope of the subject matter as originally claimed. Entry of these formal corrections to the Claims prior to the Examiner's substantive examination thereof is respectfully requested.

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